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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

OVERDICK ET AL.

Examiner

Christine Sung

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 and 14-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on October 16, 2007 has been accepted and entered.
2. The request for continued examination filed on October 16, 2007 has been accepted and entered.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 8-12 and 14-17 are objected to because of the following informalities:
4. Regarding claim 8, the claim recites the following limitation:
5. "...conversion of the electromagnetic radiation into electrical signals, where each time one of the sensitive areas corresponds unambiguously to a respective electrical signal, and at least two of the sensitive areas mesh with one another by positioning a portion of one of the sensitive areas in a fully enclosed free area of another one of the sensitive areas and propagation of the electrical signals."
6. The limitation contains grammatical errors and the claim should be corrected to clarify the conversion step.
7. The balance of claims are objected to for being dependent upon an already objected claim.
8. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1-7 are allowed.
10. Claims 8-12, 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
12. Regarding claims 1-7, none of the prior art of record specifies or makes obvious a detector with specific positioning of the radiation sensitive areas, namely wherein at least two of the sensitive areas mesh with one another by positioning a portion of one of the sensitive areas in a fully enclosed free area of another one of the sensitive areas, along with the other claimed elements. Prior art references such as Charpentier identify correcting aliasing errors by interleaving adjacent pixels, however, this conventional solution does not position a portion of a sensitive area of Pixel A such that it is fully enclosed in Pixel B, as disclosed in the instant claims.
13. Similarly, regarding claims 8-12, 14-17, none of the prior art of record specifies or makes obvious a method for conversion of radiation into signals, namely the step of converting the electromagnetic radiation into electrical signals, where at least two of the sensitive areas mesh with one another by positioning a portion of one of the sensitive areas in a fully enclosed free area of another, in combination with the other claimed steps. Prior art references such as Charpentier identify correcting aliasing errors by interleaving adjacent pixels, however, this conventional solution does not position a portion of a sensitive area of Pixel A such that it is fully enclosed in Pixel B, as disclosed in the instant claims.

Conclusion

14. This application is in condition for allowance except for the above formal matters:

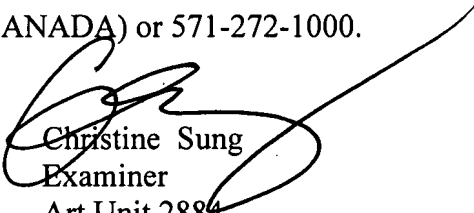
Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Sung whose telephone number is 571-272-2448. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 9-5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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